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**Subject:** Re: FW: Repones shared with Mead Gruver AP

yes, i will send it now. i don't see anything hitting the wires yet but not sure if this is in time.

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-----Jim Martin/R8/USEPA/US wrote: -----  
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Rich - are you checking email? Let me know or I will send this note to Mead.

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----- Original Message -----

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**Sent on :** 09/25/2012 09:32:45 PM  
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Rich--  
I need you to send the following email to Mead tonight:

The info I sent you earlier on release date was incorrect. EPA is still reviewing its data summary. Will get you new date when I have it.

Please let me know you got this and sent it to Mead. Thanks. If you have any questions, call me at 301 585 7539.  
jim

-----Richard Mylott/R8/USEPA/US wrote: -----  
**To:** James O'Hara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
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Regret any consternation. Mead is essentially confused regarding EPA's data and how it relates to the collaborative process w/ USGS. He has gone negative in the past and his line of questioning -- submitted this am-- indicates he wants to write an article portraying our sampling as outside of the collaborative process. He indicated a hard deadline of 3pm and I supplemented what I thought was an approved response from Dayna Gibbons in an effort to mitigate.

Mead has agreed to discuss clarification on background, if we choose to. In the meantime, we need a Q and A on how EPA's data release is part of and consistent with the collaborative process. His # is 307-632-9351.

Can you please tell me why EPA is planning an independent data release if it's a collaborator with the Wyoming-USGS process? Does this indicate a lack of faith in that process? If so, why, if not, why not? Why is EPA doing its own thing again?

EPA's data is the result of a coordinated sampling effort coordinated with USGS. Both agencies collaborated on the sampling plans and took samples together during the same field events. EPA also sampled five domestic wells that we had sampled previously. As planned, during this sampling event, EPA collected samples and used established Agency sampling and analysis protocols consistent with those used in previous phases of sampling. This advances the science available to the public and the peer review panel by allowing the data to be meaningfully compared to earlier data.

EPA believes that collaboration and use of the best available science are critical in clarifying questions about groundwater in the Pavillion area. The new EPA and USGS data are adding to the science available to the public and the independent peer review panel that will convene later this year.

EPA is posting its data separately because EPA took samples in addition to the ones it took in collaboration with USGS. All EPA data have gone through the Agency's quality assurance process.

What was the procedure in the new EPA sampling and analysis?

EPA partnered with the USGS, the State and the Tribes in designing the sampling methodology, the quality assurance plan, and other features of the most recent phase of sampling. EPA followed approved protocols and methods in its sampling and analysis. EPA plans to release a Summary and Methods Report of its data on Wednesday, September 26. This information will be submitted along with the December 2011 draft report on the Pavillion area ground water investigation to an independent peer review panel later this year.

Will EPA release the raw data and/or any findings from that?

EPA will be releasing a Summary of Methods and Results for the latest round of sampling. This will include data that have gone through a quality assurance process.

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